Ayes.

1	Mr. K. G. Nayar	5	Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan
2	,, K. M. Ibrahim	6	,, K. Mohamed Seethi
3	,, P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri	7	,, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar
4	,, T. K. Nayar		

Noes.

1	Mr. K. Achyuta Menon	15	Mr. C. A. Ouseph
2	,, C. Barton Wight	16	,, Paul Mampilli
3	,, M. P. Cherian	17	Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao
4	,, George Chakramuri	18	Mr. M. K. Raman
5	,, E. Ikkanda Warriar	19	,, P. Raman Menon
6	,, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri	20	Rama Varmha Tampuran
7	,, Joseph Pettah	21	Mr. P. V. Raphael
8	,, S. S. Koder	22	,, A. Sankara Poduval
9	,, M. Krishna Menon	23	,, P. V. Subramania Ayyar
10	,, P. Krishna Menon	24	Mrs. Swaris
11	,, C. J. Mathew	25	Mr. Thomas Manjuran
12	,, I. N. Menon	26	,, K. P. Vallon
13	,, T. Narayana Menon	27	,, P. C. Varkey
14	,, P. Nilakanta Menon		

Neutrals.

1	Mr. K. Ayyappan	4	Mr. K. T. Mathew
2	,, M. A. Chakko	5	Dr. K. Sankara Menon
3	Dr. A. G. Menon		

Prevention of Food Adulteration Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I move that the Cochin Prevention of Food Adulteration Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—This amendment is intended only to empower Government with a weapon to provide against Panchayat Presidents shirking their duties. Some Panchayat Presidents have been absenting themselves from their panchayats after delegating their power to a member of the panchayat. That is not a desirable thing. Unfortunately in the present state of law, so long as the Panchayat Presidents entrust their duties, under section 10 of the Regulation, to another member of the panchayat he cannot be removed from office. This new provision empowers Government to remove Presidents who absent themselves from their duties continuously for more than a month. I hope the House will appreciate the necessity of such a measure in the interests of the efficiency of panchayat administration. I therefore request that this Bill may be read in Council.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the bill is 'the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill'.

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Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I do not think there is any necessity for referring this to a Select Committee. So I move that the Bill be taken up for consideration.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The following sections were put and carried.

Preamble. Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation, V of 1089, as amended by Regulation III of 1097, (hereinafter referred to as the said Regulation), it is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title and commencement. 1. This Regulation may be called 'the Cochin Village Panchayat (Amendment) Regulation of 1109', and it shall come into force at once.

Amendment of section 10. 2. In section 10 of the said Regulation, the fullstop at the end of the section shall be converted into a comma and the following shall be added thereafter:—

"and provided also that the Government may remove him from his office in case he fails to attend to his duties continuously for a period of one month".

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I further move that the Bill be taken up to-morrow and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Here again the amendment proposed is more or less necessitated on some practical difficulties. As the statement of objects and reasons points out under section 237 of the Cochin Municipal Regulation the Government may, by notification issued after previous publication, enforce either permanently or temporarily all or any of the provisions of the Regulation relating to scavenging, nuisances, licenses and fees and vital statistics and the prevention of disease in any specified area in a taluk and appoint officers for carrying out those provisions and such officers will have the powers of a municipal authority. Some of the sections of the Regulation have accordingly been introduced to carry out those provisions. Government propose to invest the Division Sanitary Inspectors and the Sanitary Inspectors of certain specified places with police powers. Under the Regulation certain Municipal officers may be invested with police powers. There is no express provision in the Regulation to invest these powers to officers of the Sani-

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